THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh Under IAY

2076. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation for IAY during 1996-97; and

(b) the amount earmarked for Andhra Pradesh during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Rs. 1140 crores as Central allocation udner India Awas Yojana have been so for allocated to various States/UTs during 1996-97.

(b) The Central allocation for Andhra Pradesh under Indira Awas Yojand during 1996-97 is Rs. 88.70 crores.

Budgetary support to Science Education

2077. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of science and technology be pleased to state:

(a) whether decline in funding for scientific research is widening the gap between India and the West in frontier areas of science, as observed by the 84th Indian Science Congress held recently;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that the situation is not worsened due to short-sighted policies; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase budgetary support to science education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. India's contribution to frontier areas of Science has been significant. It has been observed in the 84th Session of the Indian Science Congress that in order to do competitive Research and Development, India has to increase its R & D funding. the Plan allocations for Science and Technology have been substantially increased during the 8th Plan (1992—97) period over the 7th Plan Period.

(c) Support for Science Education in the budgets of States/Union Territories is included in the budgetary provisions for the University and Higher Education and Technical Education. The allocation on this account in the Budgets of States and Centre has been on the rise. Ministry of Human Resources Development has also a programme specifically for improvement of Science Education at school levels and the expenditure under this scheme is also on the increase.

Setting up of Commercial Genetic Testing and Counselling Units

2078. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted permission to Pro Gene Inc., USA, to set up a chain of commercial genetic testing and counselling units in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete measures taken by Government against all sorts of misuse of the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The Government

has approved foreign collaboration to M/s. Pro Gene Inc. USA for the setting up of a 100% Subsidiary Indian Unit by the name and style of M/s. Prof Gene India Human Genetic Centre. The project is to establish commercial genetic testing facility and counselling unit in India.

(c) The foreign collaboration approval has been agreed to, subject to the Company's taking all necessary approvals as required under the existing Indian Laws and Regulations.

Allotment of Flats to Registrants Under New Pattern Scheme, 1979

2079. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered under the New Pattern Scheme, 1979 and how many of them have been allotted flats, till date, category-wise, and by when the remaining registrants would be allotted flats;

(b) the reasons for inordinate delay in constructing and allotting the flats;

(c) the details of the areas where the MIG flats for the remaining registrants are being proposed to be constructed;

(d) the number of flats targeted and constructed actually, from 1990 till date, category-wise and area-wise, with the reasons for failure to achieve the targets; and

(e) the number of DDA flats lying vacant, alonwith the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTERY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) According to DDA, category-wise details of persons registered under the New Pattern Registration Scheme and allotments made on 28.2.97 are as under:

Category	Regn.	Allotment
MIG	47521	33425
LIG	67502	49134
Janta	56249	All registrants have been allotted flats.

Delay is on account of constraints in the availability of land and electricity to be provided by D.E.S.U. No time schedule for the allotment of flats to the remaining registrants can be given at this stage.

(c) MIG flats for the remaining registrants are proposed to be constructed in Rohini and Dwarka etc.

(d) The details of houses targetted and actually constructed by the DDA from the year 1990-91 till 1996-97 (upto December, 96) are given in Statement-I (See below) The area-wise details of the flats constructed during this period are given in Statement-II (see below)

The reasons for shortfall in the achievements are as under:

(i) Land Constraints.

(ii) Delay in external electrifiction of area.

(iii) Delay in provisions of bulk water supply and sewage disposal arrangements by Civic Bodies.

(iv) Occassional shortfall of building materials like cement, steel & pipes.

(v) Contractual problems.

(e) 16,236 flats are lying vacant for want of electricity. Out of these, 9111 flats have been allotted under the New Pattern Registration Scheme and Exmpandable Housing Scheme. The remaining 7,125 flats are lying unallotted. DDA is in constant touch with DESU for chalking out a time bound programme for provision of electricity in these flats.